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Gridlock solution comes at a price

A £2 MILLION project has been announced to improve one of Northampton's worst traffic bottlenecks – but motorists will be forced to endure six months of roadworks while it is carried out.

Thousands of commuters a day are caught up at the Cock Hotel junction in Kingsthorpe, on one of the town's main arteries for drivers heading to and from the A508 and A5199.

Long-awaited improvements are now being proposed by Northamptonshire County Council which could radically relieve chronic congestion and improve the overall reliability of public transport.

The work, due to be paid out of County Hall's highways budget, will focus on three sections of the so-called Kingsthorpe corridor – at the Cock Hotel junction itself, from Kingsthorpe Grove to Kingsland Avenue, and the Welford Road/Harborough Road junction.

Plans include carriageway widening to allow better traffic flow, more effective traffic signals to minimise congestion and the re-positioning of pedestrian crossings.

A series of public exhibitions are being held later this month in which the public and local businesses will be able to have their say on the project.

It is set to start next April, with a scheduled completion date of autumn 2010.

The scheme is part of a wider initiative by the county council to improve traffic flows along radial routes from the town centre.

Councillor Heather Smith, county council cabinet member for environ-



■ An artist's impression of how the new Harborough Road/Welford Road junction could look in Kingsthorpe

Images courtesy of Northamptonshire County Council

ment, growth and transport, said: "Northampton is a fast-evolving town and it is essential that we keep pace with this development by adapting the urban transport network to the growing needs of county people.

"The Kingsthorpe Corridor is a busy route into the town centre and I believe these proposals will go a long

way to ensure that the road system can accommodate the growing amount of traffic and, at the same time, persuade people to use public transport by bringing more consistency to journey times."

The latest Cock Hotel junction overhaul comes almost seven years after the county council completely re-config-

ured the lights at the notorious blackspot, prompting an outcry from commuters using the road.

A year after the £240,000 project was completed, highways contractors installed new equipment to make the traffic lights more sensitive and react better to queuing traffic.

The Cock Hotel Junction is cur-

rently the subject of a seven-week period of roadworks to install new gas mains.

■ The exhibitions will take place at Kingsthorpe Methodist Church in Welford Road on Friday, September 18, 11am-2pm, Saturday, September 19 11am-2pm, and Thursday, September 24, 4pm-7pm.

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The Week in Pictures

All the nines:

Wednesday was a very special day for Megan Hambidge. Not only was it the ninth day of the ninth month of the ninth year but it was also her ninth birthday! Celebrations will be extra special at her family home in Crofters Close, East Hunsbury. (CE picture KELLY COOPER 090908KC)



MOVING ON:

Excited youngsters at Abington Park Day Nursery enjoyed a graduation party complete with scrolls and special hats to mark their progression onto 'big school'. A number of children at the nursery, which specialises in offering totally organic food and French lessons for over-threes, will have their first day at primary school next week. (CE picture by LOUISE O'CALLAGHAN 090904LOC6)

BLOW IT: 105

Alphorn blowers from Switzerland, Austria, Germany and France played together on the mountain Feldberg in the Black Forest, southern Germany this week. All alphornists blew together at the end of the meeting. (AP Photo/Winfried Rothermel)



GUIDING:

More than 4,000 girl guides from past and present met at Abington Park in Northampton to celebrate Girlguiding's centenary. Traditional activities including welly throwing, ham radio broadcasting and sideshows like this one were included in the entertainments, while members of the organisation cut a huge birthday cake.

Rail talks hit buffers



■ CANCELLED – London Midland has been unable to give a guarantee that Sunday's mass train disruption won't happen again

PASSENGERS will be given "as much notice as possible" if mass train cancellations happen again in Northampton this Sunday, London Midland has promised.

After services were cancelled on Sunday because not enough drivers and conductors volunteered to work, rail users have called for assurances that the debacle would not happen again.

But London Midland, the operator responsible, said yesterday it was still meeting with union bosses and could not say when the dispute would be resolved or if it had enough volunteers to man its trains this weekend.

A spokesman added: "In the event that there is further disruption, which I cannot say at this point, we will give passengers as much notice as possible."

London Midland services returned to normal yesterday.

The company issued a statement yesterday explaining the drivers and conductors it inherited in 2007 already had the voluntary Sunday arrangement in their contracts.

To try to negate the problem, it had offered extra payments for Sunday working over the summer but that agreement ended on August 30.

The statement said union bosses at the RMT and Aslef had not indicated they had an issue with the ending of the payments but were fully aware they ended last month.

Andy Thomas, operations and safety director for London Midland, said yesterday: "We are sorry for the inconvenience caused to passengers by yesterday's cancellations."

"Where we had staff who came to work we operated train services and also carried out the necessary

preparations for start of service this morning.

"London Midland is committed to seeking a long-term solution to Sunday services. In the meantime, we are working with the existing agreements and arrangements which have been in place since the start of the franchise for Sunday working, where staff who work receive the overtime payments they and their unions had previously agreed."

"This issue is one that can only be resolved through discussions, staff not coming to work is not a solution."

Meanwhile, a petition has been started on the Government's number 10 website urging the Department of Transport to take the franchise from London Midland.

Stephen Good, the petition creator, said: "The signatories urge the government to remove this firm and instate one that is able to agree to deliver a full service."

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Demand issued: 'Keep us posted'

ANGRY residents have demanded a post box should be reinstalled at Northampton's main post office, claiming the original decision to remove the service was a first class blunder.

Despite being the main post office in Northampton, the St Giles Street branch currently does not have its own post box, meaning members of the public have to cross the road and walk down to the Guildhall to post a letter.

And some customers claim they have even been turned away from the branch when they tried to post a letter over the counter.

Adrian Baker, who lives in the town centre, ran into the problem on Friday, when he says he was told by the staff that they would not take a letter for him.

He said: "Everywhere in the world you expect to be able to post a letter at the post office. Indeed they are a source of civic pride in many places, but not Northampton."

"Every time I visit Northampton's main Post Office I am infuriated by the fact that the letter box has been removed to the Guildhall. It gives a very poor impression to any visitor to Northampton and I am not alone, I often hear complaints about it from other customers."

The post box outside the St Giles Street post office was moved down the road to outside the Guildhall in March 2007 after Royal Mail said drunken revellers were using it as



■ **LAST POST** – Customers cannot use the post box at the main post office, but must go to these ones, top, near the Guildhall *Library pictures*

a toilet and vomiting behind it on Friday and Saturday nights.

The idea of moving it was to take it out of where it was "tucked into a small niche at the side of the pavement" to a more "open location" where it would not be abused.

Dorothy Wright, chairman of the Duston branch of Pensioners' Voice, said: "It's ridiculous. The whole point of a post office is having a post box where you can post your letters. What will they come up with

next? I don't know why they removed it in the first place, it makes life so much more difficult for everyone. My members would love to see it put back where it belongs."

A spokeswoman for Royal Mail yesterday insisted staff at the branch should accept letters over the counter and added: "Staff at Northampton Post Office are happy to accept mail over the main counter into the secure area. Alternatively there is a postbox near the branch."



Should the post box be reopened at the main post office? Email us via letters@northantsnews.co.uk

Ex-landlord found hanged

THE prosecution case against a former landlord has been closed after his apparent suicide in a Northampton pub.

Simon Hatton was due to be sentenced at Northampton Crown Court yesterday for assaulting his then partner at the Monkey's Head pub in Abington Square, Northampton.

However, his body was discovered by a bailiff who called at the pub he once ran on Wednesday to serve him with eviction papers. The 49-year-old was also facing a potential prison sentence having been convicted last month of attacking and throttling Rachel De Lacey in March.

Judge Michael Fowler closed the file during a short hearing yesterday after being provided with proof of Mr Hatton's death by the coroner.

Hena Vissian, prosecuting, said: "The defendant, Simon Hatton, was due to appear before your honour for sentence having adjourned the matter on August 17 for a pre-sentence report, having been convicted at trial. Your honour will be aware the defendant died on September 2 this year having taken his own life."

"He was found hanged at the public house by a court bailiff who attended in respect of eviction proceedings."



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■ LEGGING IT – Participants on their way to raising £10,000

Tearaways in rush to raise cash

MORE than 400 runners of all ages and abilities hope to have raised as much as £10,000 for the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance (WNAA) at an annual fun run.

The Rescue Run, set up by Virgin Active gym in Riverside, took place at Billing Aquadrome on Sunday for the seventh year in a row.

Organiser Selena Jacobs, from the gym, said this year promised to be one of the biggest yet.

She said: "It has been particularly difficult to arrange this year, especially as I got married two weeks ago, but it is always worth it and the run is a great way to raise allowance and funds for the air ambulance.

"We always raise cash for them through the Rescue Run because we feel it's a really good cause.

"There were people of all ages running, biking and walking around the course. The distance of 5km is great because it means anyone can take part regardless of how fit they are, and having it at Billing Aquadrome is brilliant because the kids can run off as fast as they like, leave their par-

ents behind and not get lost."

One of the youngest to take part yesterday was nine-year-old Abbi Carter from Wootton, who hoped to complete the course in a very quick 40 minutes.

She said: "I did the race in 35 minutes last year. I don't know if I want to be a runner when I am older, but I really enjoy it."

Richard Rees, aged 48, was one of the biggest fundraisers in this year's event, collecting £1,000 from his colleagues at Booker Cash and Carry in Northampton.

He said: "I had a very effective way of raising cash, which was to go to the people with the most money first. When others looked on the sponsorship form and saw how much they had given, it prompted people to be as generous as possible.

"I'm really pleased to have reached my fundraising target and would definitely do it again."

Tracy Grunwell, regional fundraising manager for the WNAA, was also taking part in the fun run.

She said: "This is a really great event because it regularly raises more than £10,000 for us in vital funds.

"I wanted to take part as a thank you to Virgin for their support."



■ SUPER GIRL – Ellie Isherwood, who was rescued by the air ambulance after losing three fingers in an accident, did her bit to raise funds for the charity

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Art goes on safari in town

A PRIDE of lions is due to invade Northampton town centre as part of a new art project for the town.

The first of the five foot high sculptures has been delivered to artist Lee Burrows, who has already begun decorating the lion following the theme of the Rose of the Shires.

Several of the sculptures will eventually appear around Northampton after specialist art company Wild in Art and the borough council met to discuss hosting the artworks, which have already proved extremely popular in cities including Liverpool and Norwich.

Mr Burrows, from Harlestone, has already put a coat of primer on the plain white sculpture with the help of his five-year-old son Ben, and now has just over a week to complete his intricate design.

He said: "I think this is a great idea. The sculptures are really tactile and people love touching them and sitting on them, so I think it will engage the public and get them thinking about art."

"I'm working on a design which follows the theme of Rose of the Shires, but I don't want to give too much away about what it will end up looking like. It's great to know my work will be put in a place where loads of people are going to see it."



LION KINGS – Artist Lee Burrows and son Ben sit on one of the lions soon to be on display in the town centre

Mr Burrows, aged 41, was approached by the council after initially speaking to the authority's arts officer about putting artwork into empty shops in the town.

He added: "I'm really pleased to have been asked to do the first lion, because it's great exposure for me and the lions will hopefully be really popular with people in Northampton."

The sculpture will be unveiled in the town on Tuesday, September 15.



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Worries that site will be 'left to rot'

RESIDENTS of a new housing development on the outskirts of Northampton fear historic buildings in the centre of their village could be 'left to rot' after developers announced plans to pull out.

Building work around the former St Crispin Hospital near Duston has been ongoing for a number of years.

But developers Taylor Wimpey announced today that they have put up for sale the section of the site which includes the former hospital buildings, which date back to 1876. The firm now hopes another builder will come forward to take on the restoration of the historic site.

A spokesman for the company said: "We share local residents' desire to see this architecturally striking development recreated as a vibrant, thriving community of residential homes.

"We're currently seeking a buyer who can utilise their expertise to create a development that will complement and enhance the local community."

The firm has also said it remains involved with the site at the moment, with work continuing on a small section of the development.

But despite the company's reassurances, people living close to the former hospital have said they fear the global recession and downturn in the housing market could mean a buyer for the site is not found for a number of years.

Anti-expansion campaigner and St Crispin resident, Roger Kingston, who is a member of the Northants Residents' Alliance, said: "A lot of the historic buildings in the old hospital complex look to be in quite a state at the moment, which is a shame because things like the old clock tower are on a par with the lift tower for landmarks in Northampton.

"Our real concern is the site could be left as it is for decades unless somebody comes in and saves it. And you have to ask who wants to live next to what is effectively a building site? The place could look glorious if it was restored, so we hope it won't just be abandoned."



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■ SHOW TIME –
Members of Gilbert and Sullivan group are heading for the Royal & Derngate in January

THE Northampton Gilbert and Sullivan Group needs practical help for its 56th annual production at the Royal & Derngate.

The group is performing The Pirates of Penzance for the sixth time in its history, from January 25 to January 30 next year. The amateur society's production will cost about £30,000 to stage so in order to cut costs, it will be designing, building and paint-

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Parents were asked by education bosses at Northamptonshire County Council to be vigilant over the summer holidays for swine flu symptoms and to inform heads of potential absences.

But cases of the virus have been so low that no heads have reported they will not resume as planned next week.

A county council spokeswoman

said yesterday: "There's no indication that any of the county's schools will stay closed. They will all go back as normal."

"However, the schools have been asked to carefully monitor absence rates in case they rise during the coming weeks."

"The schools will inform us and we will pass the figures on to the Government."

Although health experts have warned that cases of swine flu are highly likely to rise again as the autumn progresses, the latest statistics released yesterday seem to show the virus is receding in

Northamptonshire.

GP consultations on flu-like illnesses in the county went down for the sixth week in a row in the week August 24 to 30 according to Government figures issued by the NHS.

They equate to 11 people out of 100,000, or about 77 patients, consulting their doctor about flu-like symptoms compared with the national average of 14.4 people per 100,000.

The Northamptonshire figure is down from 19 out of 100,000 the week before.

As of Thursday, the total number of doses of Tamiflu issued in the

county since July 3 was around 9,600.

The NHS said 19 people were admitted to hospitals in the East Midlands in the week August 27 to September 2 with possible swine flu-related conditions. However, Northamptonshire hospitalisation figures remained "very low", a spokeswoman said.

Since the outbreak earlier this year there have been fewer than five deaths in the East Midlands related to swine flu.

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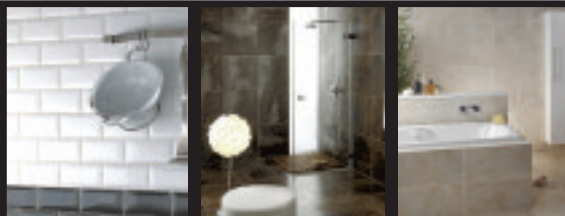


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Councillors defend their rates of pay

LATEST figures show taxpayers in Northampton spent more than £433,000 on wages for members of Northampton Borough Council last year.

The details, which were published on Friday, show for the first time how much councillors take home after their allowances were controversially increased at the end of 2008.

The top 10 elected members received a total of almost £150,000 between them, while the figures also reveal councillors made combined claims of almost £7,500 for 'travel and subsistence' claims.

The figures reveal the councillor to receive the highest amount of money was former Mayor, Councillor Brian Markham (*Lib Dem, Headlands*), but his payment of £26,974 included more than £20,000 which is given to the Mayor to cover donations to charities, collections and foreign visits.

Behind him in the list of top earners was the leader of the authority, Councillor Tony Woods (*Lib Dem, St Davids*) and the council's cabinet members.

Councillor Brian Hoare (*Lib Dem, Abington*) is deputy leader

of the authority and supported the allowance increases when they were introduced.

Last night, he argued the pay rates had been decided by an independent panel and were not high enough to replace a regular wage.

He said: "For some people, being a councillor is practically a full-time job. Under the new system there is a basic allowance of just over £6,000. You wouldn't see many jobs advertised at that rate and it's not the kind of money you could sustain a family on."

He was backed by the leader of the minority Labour group, Councillor Keith Davies (*Lab, Ecton Brook*), who also supported the 2008 increase.

He said: "I can understand people being angry about it, but I do believe councillors put in a fair amount of work and we need a system which encourages younger people to become councillors."

"So I think what we did was correct."

Of the 47 councillors at the Guildhall, six Liberal Democrat members refused to take the 2008 pay increase and a number also refused to accept any backdated pay.



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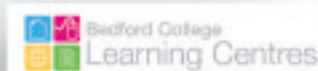
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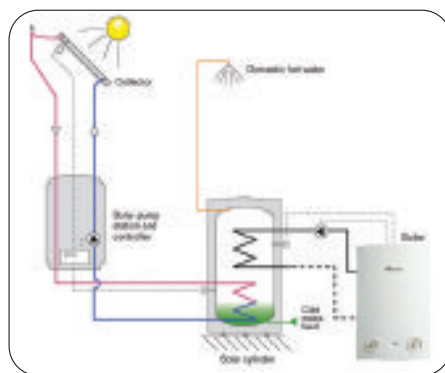
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In tests, trading standards officers found children playing on the Arcadia Ultimate Playground could slip or trap body parts, hair and clothing.

In a hearing in front of magistrates in Northampton on Friday suppliers of the playground MGA Entertainment (UK), based in Milton Keynes, pleaded guilty to providing a toy which did not satisfy essential safety requirements.

Michael Caplan, mitigating, told the court the company wanted to apologise publicly for what had happened and said the episode had been "a matter of some considerable embarrassment" to a company with a "previously impeccable record".

He said: "The company has been in existence for 40 years and has developed a number of

toys which have given great pleasure to children. It was they who contacted trading standards and made it quite clear that they accepted it shouldn't have happened."

Mr Caplan said the playground had also been sold in America, where it met regulations, but when it was shipped to the UK the relevant modifications were not made.

He added that the company had sent letters to everyone who had bought the playground and offered them a full refund or the chance to have their equipment modified to meet UK standards.

The company was fined £1,000 and ordered to pay costs of £7,345.55 as well as a £15 victim surcharge.

Councillor Andre Gonzalez de Savage, county council cabinet member for customers and communities, said: "The county council is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and young people in the county and I am very pleased trading standards have been able to take action and prosecute the supplier of this toy."

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■ **GUILTY**
- Guy Button handed over a loaded gun to his terminally-ill father



Teacher is jailed over suicide gun

A MUSIC teacher who gave his father a pistol so he could shoot himself dead in a busy hospital ward has started a three-year jail term.

Guy Button, 30, handed the Walther PPK handgun to his terminally-ill 63-year-old father Ian in a packed ward at Northampton General Hospital on October 20 last year.

Button, a talented tuba player, admitted two charges of possessing an illegal firearm and two charges of passing an illegal firearm onto his father. He was jailed at Leicester Crown Court last Friday.

Jailing Button, Judge Charles Wide QC, said: "It's important that members of the public should understand clearly what I am not sentencing you for. Some might assume you were knowingly assisting your father's suicide, however, I must make it clear that the decision was made not to prosecute you for that.

"However there's a high degree of culpability, especially having regard to the fact it was

a public ward in a hospital and with regard to the patients and staff and the distress this will have caused.

"You have the burden of the responsibility for what your father did and the circumstances in which he did it.

"This was a working automatic handgun with live ammunition introduced into a hospital, into a public ward, and in fact it was used in a public ward. The sentence I pass is three years."

Earlier, the court heard that Ian Button had left a suicide note appearing to substantiate his son's insistence that he was not involved in the suicide.

In the note addressed to police, Mr Button wrote: "The gun was given to me in the 1980s. When my son was clearing our loft recently he found it in a box. I thought I would hand it in to you (the police) as soon as possible, along with the ammunition.

"I brought the gun in with me when I came back in (to hospital) last week to take care of it so it was not found by the surveyor."

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We were the first company to openly have our prices displayed on our adverts and also the leading company to have a full service available on our website where customers can obtain an accurate quotation for windows and doors in the comfort of their own home. Being the first local company to be a Pilkington energyKare partner is another great step forward. *

Savings With A rated Windows					
Source	GAF Energy Calculator (2008)	10 year saving £	20 year saving £	20 year saving tonnes CO ₂ t	
Living room window					
Double (2nd)	Single	208	11,300	40.04	
	Double	347	13,800	51.79	
Bedroom window					
Double (2nd)	Single	201	11,300	39.42	
	Double	181	10,300	35.84	
Kitchen window					
Double (2nd)	Single	188	10,800	38.34	
	Double	148	8,300	29.07	

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- * Become more environmentally friendly!

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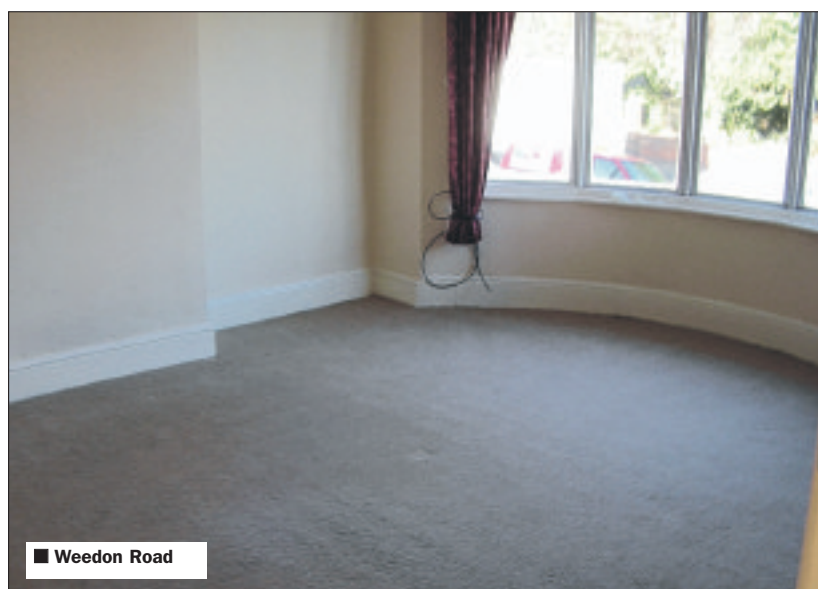
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- Outside is reserved car parking



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- Outside there is reserved parking and gardens



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Daughter
Charlotte
Florence
On 31st August 2009.
Sister for
Jacob and Grace.
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involved in the quick
home delivery.

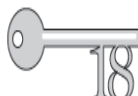


Births



DORMAN
Claire and Justin are
very proud to
announce the safe
arrival of
Lottie Eloise
Born
18th August 2009
weighing 7lb 3oz.
Much loved Sister for
Lucy and Lily.
Thanks to all at BMH.

18th Birthday



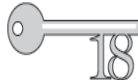
Aidan Samuel
KING
Congratulations to a
special young man and
Son on your
18th Birthday

Love Mum, Nick
and Amy

x x x

EASTMENT / CHAPMAN

*Congratulations Shay-lee & Danny on the
Birth of your Daughter
Morgan Born 30-08-09.
Weighing 7lb 7oz.
Lots of Love Tracey, John,
Nan, Ricky, and Grant.*
x x x



Kellie
LEONARD
6th September 2009
Happy 18th Birthday!

All our love
Mum and Dad
xx



HAYNES & KITE

Brian and Steph are
pleased to announce
the arrival of their
second Son
Jimmy
Brother to Freddie,
on 24th August,
weighing 10lb 10oz.
Thank you to Staff
at BMH.

David & Vanda RIGGENS

(Nee Neame)
Congratulations on the birth of your
twin Daughters,

**Isabelle Mae &
Ruby Abigail**

born 3rd September 2009.
Love to you all
Mum & Dad xxxx



18th Birthday



Michelle
HAMSON
Happy 18th.
It was a
fantastic party!
Lots of love
Miss Polly, Auntie
Lorraine, Clarke,
Nigel, Tyrone, Bea,
Jnr, Tim, Becky
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KING

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on your
18th birthday
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Love Dad

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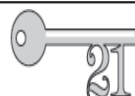
21st Birthday



Leanne Jade
CARROLL

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21st Birthday.
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of you.
Have a great day.
Love you always.
Nan & Brian.
x x

21st Birthday

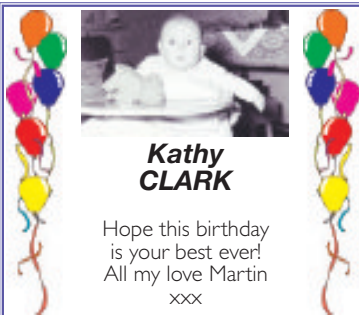


Phil
CLARKE

To a wonderful Son,
Congratulations and
best wishes on your
special day.
Hope it goes with a
bang.

Love always
Mum, Dad and Tori
x x

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xxx

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us closer,
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apart.
Not a day do I
forget you,
You are always in
my heart.
Love Sylv
X*

GRIFFITH — W.F
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memories of Griff,
dearest Husband, Dad
& Grandad who fell
asleep 10 years ago
today & will be forever
loved & missed by Gill
& his family.

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RATCLIFFE
John Richard

Fell asleep 8th
September 2007.
Those we love don't
go away, they walk
beside us every day.
From his loving Wife
Margaret, Dawn and
Emma
xxx



THOMPSON
PETTITT

Gareth
6.09.2002

7 years ago you left
us, we can't believe it
still. We love you and
miss you Gareth, you
know we always will.
From Mum, Dad,
Richard, Katrina, Jake
and Ethan xxxxxxxx

Missing you today
Daddy, love Krystal
and Kieran xx

Still missing you
every day Gareth, love
Nan and Grandad xx

In loving memory of
Gareth who died 7
years ago today. Love
Liz and Paul xx



WEIR

Christina
Treasured memories
of my dear Mother
who passed into
God's keeping
September 6th 1958.
You were a Mum in a
million. God bless you
Mum, your Daughter
Min.

WHITING — Eric.
Three years today since
you left us. Words
cannot express how
much we miss you.
Your loving Wife Mary
& Son Howard.



Birthday Memories

CAIN — Kathleen.
Not just today Kathy
but everyday. You
blessed our lives with
love, joy and happiness.
God Bless darling.
Love Tony x x

DZYDZA — Barbara
Happy Birthday darling,
love you always, Zed
xxx

Acknowledgements

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Frances

Brian, Paula and Lucy
would like to thank
all those who sent
so many kind
messages of sympathy
during this sad time.
Special thanks go to
Ann Bonham Funeral
Directors for all the
wonderful help.
Many thanks to
Reverend Malcolm
Deacon for the
beautiful service that
was conducted on
behalf of the family.

In Memoriam

HICKLING
Ron

2.9.32 - 3.9.08
Loving Husband, Father and Grandfather
You were my life, we cherished
57 years together

Your memory is our greatest treasure,
to have, to love to keep forever
We talk of memories, one by one,
words you have said, things you have done.
They bring a smile, more often a tear,
a constant wish that you were still here
We love you and always will,
you left a void, no one can fill

Your loving Wife Joyce
and all the family
x x x



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In Memoriam

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Ricky

Nine years has
passed but there
hasn't been a
moment when you
have been out of
our hearts, miss &
love you forever
Linda & Children
x x x x

ENGLAND
Joan

5th September 2008.
One year has passed
since that sad day
When you broke our
hearts and went away
We loved you then
and we still do
We will always
love you and
remember you.
God Bless you Joan.
Your Sister Daphne
and all the Family.



KENDRICK
Brooke Janae

17/10/03 - 06/09/07
Not a day passes
without the mention of
your name
We know that our life
will never be the same
Thank you for everything
you brought into
our lives
We were truly blessed to
have you as
our little girl
Miss you everyday
in every way
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x Mummy & Daddy x
You're my Guardian
Angel. Love Brandon xxx
We're sorry you had to
go R.I.P Love Kai xxx



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Johnny

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Remembering all the
good times
we had John.
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Love Delia, June, Pat,
Rose, Janet &
Brother Albert
x x x

KENDRICK
Brooke Janae

Our precious little girl
who is in our hearts
forever
Thinking of you every
moment and missing you
more and more
Love and Kisses
Pap, Gran
& all the family
x x x

LANCASTER
George

September 4th 2002.
Dad,
You were one to all
the world,
But all the world to
me.
I'll never stop loving
you.
Love forever
Lizbet
x

McDERMOTT
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09-09-2004
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now that you're gone,
But we will never
No matter how long"
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Road test

Moving people around has become a speciality

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Citroën has installed itself as the undisputed king of the MPV. That's not to say that the French manufacturer's products are the best: just that it has more of them. With a comprehensive line-up of conventional passenger car people carriers and a full selection of models based on its small van range, Citroën has more options for moving people around than National Express.

From the outside, such a varied range of vehicles designed to fill essentially similar roles can look like overkill. Citroën would counter that its MPV collection is carefully structured to meet the varying needs of modern families. That would make the Citroën Nemo Multispace the vehicle for the family that needs a small car with a lot of space and may not have a whole lot of cash to spend on it. To get the 1.4-litre HDi diesel version, our family will need to pay more upfront to save over the longer term.

There's an upright driving position in the Nemo and good forward visibility. The view to the rear is restricted by the tapering rear windows and thick C-pillars but there's a wide rear screen and the flat back of the vehicle helps when parking – as does the tight turning circle. The steering is light and the dash-mounted gear lever is close at hand, both of which help with stop/start urban motoring but on the open road, the

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by Steve Walker



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Nemo is less impressive.

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As long as you're not expecting too much in the way of creature comforts, it's hard not to like the Citroën Nemo Multispace.

Citroën sales personnel won't necessarily draw buyers' attention to the fact that the Nemo Multispace is based on the Nemo van but if the name doesn't give it away, first sight of the vehicle should. The compact, sturdy shape has definite van overtones but it's not unpleasant on the eye. The sharp angles have been gently rounded off and the distinctive front end with its chunky bumper and high-mounted headlights is far from offensive.

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The two parted ways on Tuesday when the board of directors made the decision to make a managerial change with the side having slumped to 16th in Coca-Cola League Two.

Last Friday night's defeat to Barnet appears to be the straw that broke the camel's back as far as the club's financiers are concerned.

Few supporters have complained about the decision, but some feel Gray was not given adequate financial back-

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But Cardoza says the cash was available for Gray to spend however he chose, either of transfer fees or wages, and that in just about every instance the manager opted for the latter.

"The money was there to spend however he wanted to," he said.

"Hypothetically speaking if you sell a player for £50,000 and he's on £50,000 in wages that's £100,000.

"Stuart was never going to get that whole £100,000 but he might have got £60,000 of it and he could do whatever he wanted with that.

"We needed to take some off for the

running of the club but if he wanted to spend, say, £20,000 on a transfer fee and then £40,000 on wages then that was up to him.

"Stuart's view was that the loan market was the best road to go down because you can get hold of players like Daniel Jones and Mark Little, players of that standard, cheaper.

"He's had a reasonable amount of money to build a squad that can challenge. Has he had all of the money we've made in transfer fees? No he hasn't, but we've got a loss-making football club here.

"We've got to keep the club going and the supporters want a team to support every Saturday afternoon."



■ David Cardoza

Saints must sharpen up

NEW Saints hero Shane Geraghty says they will need to iron out their first day rustiness if they are to topple Saracens at Wembley.

Northampton have not begun a Guinness Premiership season with a brace of successive wins since 2004/05, but they have a great chance at the home of football on Saturday to end that run.

Geraghty proved crucial in turning around a 17-0 deficit to beat Worcester 20-17 at Franklin's Gardens on Sunday, moving from inside centre to fly-half after 53 minutes to kick two penalties and set-up the Paul Diggin's match-winning try.

But the England international admits Saints will have to improve if they are to win the historic clash at Wembley.

Geraghty said: "We were may be a little bit nervous against Worcester. On another day the nerves will help you to play on the edge, but on Sunday it worked the other way. Hopefully by next weekend we will have ironed them out in training."

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